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SPECIAL MESSAGE ABOUT PORTO RICO

The President Advocates Full Citizenship.

Tells the Congress What He Saw and
Heard on Island During
His Trip.

PLEASED WITH ITS PROGRESS

Washington, Dec. 11.— President Roosevelt sent his special message on the Panama canal to congress today. The message is as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives:

On November 21 I visited the island of Porto Rico, landing at Ponce, crossing by the old Spanish road by Cayey to San Juan, and returning next morning over the new American road from Arecibo to Ponce; the scenery was wonderfully beautiful, especially among the mountains of the interior, which constitute a veritable tropic Switzerland. I could not embark at San Juan because the harbor has not been dredged out and can not receive an American battleship. I do not think this fact creditable to us as a nation, and I earnestly hope that immediate provision will be made for dredging San Juan harbor.

I doubt whether our people as a whole realize the beauty and fertility of Porto Rico, and the progress that has been made under its admirable government. We have just cause for pride in the character of our representatives who have administered the tropic islands which came under our flag as a result of the war with Spain; and of no one of them is this more true than of Porto Rico. It would be impossible to wish a more faithful, a more efficient and a more disinterested public service than that now being rendered in the island of Porto Rico by those in control of the insular government.

I stop at a dozen towns all told, and one of the notable features in every town was the gathering of the school children. The work that has been done in Porto Rico for education has been noteworthy. The main emphasis, as is eminently wise and proper, has been put upon primary education; but in addition to this there is a normal school, an agricultural school, three industrial and three high schools. Every effort is being made to secure not only the benefits of elementary education to all the Porto Ricans of the next generation, but also as far as means will permit to train them so that the industrial, agricultural and commercial opportunities of the island can be utilized to the best possible advantage. It was evident at a glance that the teachers, both Americans and native Porto Ricans, were devoted to their work, took the greatest pride in it, and were endeavoring to train their pupils, not only in mind, but in what counts for far more than mind in citizenship, that is, in character.

I was very much struck by the excellent character both of the insular police and of the Porto Rican regiment. They are both of them bodies that reflect credit upon the American administration of the island. The insular police are under the local Porto Rican government. The Porto Rican regiment of troops must be appropriated for by congress. I earnestly hope that this body will be kept permanent. There should certainly be troops in the island, and it is wise that these troops should be themselves native Porto Ricans. It would be from every standpoint a mistake not to perpetuate this regiment.

In traversing the island even the most cursory survey leaves the beholder struck with the evident rapid growth in the culture both of the sugar cane and tobacco. The fruit industry is also growing. Last year was the most prosperous year that the island has ever known before or since the American occupation. The total of exports and imports of the island was 45 millions of dollars as against eighteen millions in 1901. This is the largest in the island's history. Prior to the American occupation the greatest trade for any one year was that of 1896, when it reached nearly twenty-three millions of dollars. Last year, therefore, there was double the trade that there was in the most prosperous year un-

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NO EXCUSES GO.

Judge Cross Says Cows Must Be Kept
Up.

"I will dismiss the case this time," Judge Cross said this morning in police court. "but in the future I shall not be so lenient. When the law is violated I shall uphold it no matter what the excuses are." This declaration was made when George Crane was presented for permitting his cow to run at large on the streets. He explained that his cow was pastured in a vacant lot in the rear of his house, and that Saturday some mischievous boys let her out.

REAL WORK

ACCOMPLISHED AT MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

Names of Landlords Leasing to Bad
Women Will Be Presented to
Jury.

The "frontier committee" met at Chris Miller's tin shop, Sixth and Trimble streets last night and heard a report of the special committee appointed to gather evidence against women who are said to have moved in the First and Second wards from Kentucky avenue. The committee reported that five cases had been discovered and notice was served on all inmates to vacate. Three obeyed the notices but two failed to, alleging that the inmates of the houses were not bad women and that the committee should first have to prove this before they would vacate. A sub-committee was appointed to secure the necessary evidence. Tonight the citizens will hold another mass meeting at the city hall.

As soon as the sub-committee secures evidence it will be presented without further notice to landlords, to the grand jury, probably Wednesday or Thursday morning, and the First and Second ward committee will meet again in the same place Thursday night. The committee members believe more work was done in the meeting last night than in any previous meeting.

Forty Drown in Frozen Neva.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.— Forty factory workers were drowned this morning while crossing the ice which covered the Neva. The ice broke when about 100 men were in the middle of the stream and but 60 were able to reach shore. Few bodies were recovered as the rushing waters carried them under the ice.

CHILD LABOR

ASSOCIATION WILL BE ORGANIZED TOMORROW.

George W. Walters, of Paducah, and
Hon. Louis P. Head Are in At-
tendance—Officers.

Final steps in the organization of the Kentucky Child Labor association, will be taken tomorrow at a meeting at the home of the Woman's club, 1312 Fourth avenue, Louisville. George W. Walters, went this evening as delegate from the local Central Labor union, and Hon. Louis P. Head, clerk at the Eddyville branch penitentiary, is there. The latter probably will be elected president, while Mr. Walters has been prominently mentioned for the executive committee. The association will work in conjunction with the national organization for the amelioration of the condition of little laborers.

POSTMASTERS-ELECT.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.— The Kentucky postmasters' convention elected the following officers: President, Robert E. Woods, Louisville; first vice-president, Frank M. Fisher, Paducah; second vice-president, N. H. Overby, Henderson; secretary, George L. Barnes, Frankfort; treasurer, George W. Hutchisson, Lawrenceburg.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

ACCOMPLISHED GREAT RESULTS

Capt. Koger Pleased With the Prospects for River.

Was One of Delegation to Call on
President Who Agreed With
Views.

RIVERS FREIGHT REGULATORS.

Captain James Koger returned yesterday from the national rivers and harbors congress in Washington, D. C., to which he was a delegate. The convention has done more to raise internal waterways in importance in the eyes of congress, he thinks, than all other conventions combined. Thirty-one states were represented.

Capt. Koger was among the 280 members of the convention who personally visited President Roosevelt. They found him a most pleasant gentleman on closer acquaintance, and his response to their request for appropriations to improve the rivers, was distinguished by his usual ability to get out of a dangerous situation, for while he agreed to everything, he promised nothing.

It was shown to the convention that freight can be carried by river for one-sixth the cost by rail. It also was shown that river towns have much better railroad rates than inland towns. One delegate told the convention that improvement of the rivers would make better railroad rates than a thousand interstate commerce commissions, because a railroad cannot compete with the river in carrying freight, and make money, without coming to the river rate.

Broadway Repaved.

Broadway from Fourth street to Fifth street is to be repaved with brick, one of the conditions of the permission given the traction company to double track in this block. The sub-contractors this morning removed all brick from the north side of the street, and are preparing to lay brick. They hope to complete the work before the cold weather is here.

FLOWERS

LITERALLY FILL LATE RES- DENCE OF DR. COLEMAN.

Knights Templar, and Many Profes-
sional Men, Accompany Body
to Murray.

Expression of popular esteem was manifested in tributes of flowers and in the large attendance at the funeral of Dr. J. R. Coleman this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the family residence, 1625 Jefferson street.

The house literally was filled with beautiful floral designs and every available space was occupied by sorrowing friends. The musical feature was sweet, being lead by Mesdames Clarence Sherrill, Henry Overby, Lella Wade Lewis, Miss Letha Puryear and Mr. Edward Scott. The service was lead by the Rev. H. B. Taylor, of the Baptist church in Murray.

With commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, in full dress, acting as an escort, the funeral cortege left the residence at 11:50 o'clock arriving at the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis passenger station at 12:30 o'clock. A special train of three coaches, two passenger coaches and one coach for the body and family, was waiting and the trip to Murray was begun at 12:40 o'clock.

At Murray, the final ceremonies will be conducted by the grand lodge of the Masons, Mr. J. E. Wilhelm, past grand master, officiating, in the absence of Grand Master Samuel Veach of Carlisle, Ky. The local commandery, Knights Templar, accompanied the body to Murray. In the train also were many doctors, lawyers and other friends, Judge W. M. Reed, Dr. J. T. Reddick, J. R. Grogan, Dr. R. T. Lightfoot, were among the professional men who accompanied the body to Murray.

The burial ceremony at Murray will be conducted according to the Blue Lodge ritual. The special train will return this afternoon.

Nightmares are evidently in the dark horse class.

GRAND JURY CALLS MAYOR D. A. YEISER TO GIVE TESTIMONY.

Mayor Yeiser was called to testify before the grand jury this afternoon. The subpoena was served on him this morning. The purpose is not known, but as Mayor Yeiser submitted to the body a letter concerning an alleged disorderly house, and it is known the grand jury is delving deep into the charges that bad houses and gambling resorts are flourishing, it is presumed the inquisitorial body wishes to learn all the mayor may be able to tell it concerning these practices.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, Dec. 11.— In the senate today, Raynor gave notice that tomorrow he would discuss the Japanese situation, as related to the school question at San Francisco. The president's special message on Porto Rico was then read. Teller introduced bill providing for separate statehood for New Mexico.

THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Today the Catholic church in France becomes homeless and awaits eviction.

Twenty-six thousand churches under the law are declared the property of the state. Bishops and the priests' houses, seminaries and schools fall under the same ownership.

PRESIDENT IS HEIR.

New York, Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt is heir to the \$10,000 estate left him by Mrs. Lulu Grover, a widow, who, after willing her small fortune to the president, took chloroform and died last night.

BURGLARS BUSY ALONG BROADWAY

Ell Guthrie's Store Entered and Robbed.

Brick Thrown Through Window of
Kirby's Store But No Entrance
Effect.

SMALL CHANGE IS SECURED

With the approach of Christmas, burglars are getting active in Paducah and last night somebody broke in to Ell Guthrie's dry goods store, 322 Broadway. Entrance was effected through a rear window. A bar was pried off. The thieves molested nothing but the cash drawer, and \$1.65 was the booty secured.

Kirby's Window Broken.
Probably the same burglars smashed the window of Kirby's ten cent store, 326 Broadway, but no entrance was effected and nothing was stolen.

Chief of Police Collins desired to place plain clothes men in the retail section during the holiday season, but the money for their pay is not available. Hold-ups and purse snatchings are daily expected by the police, and preparations to apprehend this class of criminals are being made.

SEND A MITE

...TO...

THE SUN

...For the...

Christmas Tree For the Poor

If we get a dime for each subscriber to THE SUN we shall have a total sum—\$400—Use this coupon and send something now.

The Evening Sun,
Paducah, Ky.

I inclose a contribution for the Christmas tree for the benefit of the poor children of Paducah.

GLASS FACTORY MAY BE SECURED

Big Plant for Manufacture of Bottles and Flasks.

Would Have Pay Roll of \$3,500 the
Week and Employ 130 Hands
All Told.

MERCHANTS ARE INTERESTED.

Paducah may have a new industry, entirely unique as far as this section is concerned. A glass manufacturer is desirous of locating here a \$65,000 plant for the manufacture of bottles and flasks. The sand is obtained at Ottawa, Ill., and he thinks the cost of production in Paducah would be as cheap as at any other point within reasonable distance of the supply of sand.

The plant is to employ 130 men with a pay roll of \$3,500 the week, the second largest pay roll in the city.

A committee of merchants is now endeavoring to interest citizens in securing the location of the plant. Other cities are offering a bonus to the concern to locate there, and the effort is being made to offset these offers with local capital.

The promoters expect to purchase their own site, and several are in contemplation, one near the Cohanusk mill, one near the Paducah box and basket factory, another at the end of Broad street and two in Mechanicsburg.

Glass workers earn a minimum salary of \$8 per day, besides the high pay of laborers at the plant, the introduction of such high-class workers with their big wages would give Paducah retail trade a boom.

Baer Will Resist.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—All indications today point to a strike on the Reading system. President Baer will not alter his previous stand and will contest various railroad brotherhoods as emphatically and persistently as he has fought the miners' union the last five years.

TOWING COMPANY

ORGANIZED TO OPERATE MARY MICHAEL AND BARGES.

Local Men Organize New Concern
With Capital Stock of \$10,000—Incorporators.

Articles of incorporation of the E. A. Voight Towing company were filed in county court today. The capital stock is fixed at \$10,000 divided into 100 shares of \$100 each. Ninety shares are subscribed. The incorporators are: F. W. Katterjohn, Emery A. Voight and John Rock, each subscribing 30 shares. The nature of the business will be general towing.

Mr. John Rock stated today that the steamer Mary Michael and barges will constitute the property of the corporation at present. The Michael was formerly the property of the Paducah Towing company and was sold by Commissioner Cecil Reed for \$2,000 with several barges to F. W. Katterjohn. She will be overhauled and made a good boat. Captain Voight is an experienced river man and will look personally to the affairs of the corporation.

RETAIL CLERKS ELECT.

Will Install Officers Second Monday
Night in January.

The Retail Clerks' association met last night and elected officers as follows: Sidney Lemon, president; Charles Horton, vice-president; Eugene Patton, second vice-president; Claude Baker, financial secretary and Clarence Bennett, treasurer. The installation will take place on the second Monday night in January and at this meeting the president will select the inner and outer guards, appointive officers.

Five Inquests Held.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—The coroner today conducted five inquests at Flat, Illinois Steel company, South Chicago, over the bodies of workmen killed at the works in the last 49 hours.

SEVENTEEN PICKED UP AT SEA. Captain, His Wife and Crew of Lost Vessel Rescued by Steamer.

Nassau, N. P., Dec. 11.— Captain Frederickson, of the Norwegian bark Wellington, his wife and fifteen members of the crew of the vessel were picked up at sea Dec. 3 in an exhausted condition by the Elder Dempster steamer Sokoto in latitude 35 north, longitude 66 west. The Wellington, which sailed from Gulfport, Miss., Nov. 12 with a cargo of lumber for Rostrio, Argentina, was waterlogged when deserted. The Sokoto will take the rescued persons to Havana.

CLOSE CALL

LOOSE BOLT CAROM S ABOUT CAB OF ENGINE.

Fireman Lillam Lander, of Cairo-Paducah Accommodation, Has Near-
row Escape.

Hurled with the force of a shot, a bolt carrying two heavy nuts narrowly missed striking Fireman Lillam Lander, of the Cairo-Paducah accommodation train this morning near Max on station, a few miles west of the city. The bolt came loose from the engine on the right side, struck the rounded head of the tank, and caromed on the fireman's side.

The engine was No. 1136 in charge of Engineer William Burch. The nut was one holding a part of the air brake on the engine and was not observed to be loose when the engine started from Cairo. It is directly over the driving rod and when it fell the rod struck it and hurled it straight for the tank. It struck the rounded portion and glanced off towards the fireman, striking the top of the cab near his head.

Castro On Death Bed.

Fort De France, Martinique, Dec. 11.—Reliable advices received here from Venezuela set forth that President Castro was moved down to the little sea-coast village of Macuto, near LaGuayra, last Monday. The president is described as being very ill. He made the trip from Caracas in a bed. When he arrived at Macuto he appeared to be absolutely unconscious. It is generally believed that he has no chance of recovery. Gen. Paredes, an ex-revolutionist, now in exile, is organizing a serious insurrectionary movement, and declares that he will soon take the field. He claims to have 15,000 rifles at his disposal.

GORDON ESTATE

APPRAISERS FILE AN INVENTO- RY IN COUNTY COURT.

Property Includes Steamers, Barges
and Other Chattels Besides
Cash in Bank.

Today the appraisal of the estate of the late Capt. E. Gordon was filed in the county court by appraisers James C. Utterback and J. M. McCandles. It follows: Steamer Charles Turner, \$4,000; five improved barges, \$2,500; two barges, \$400; two barges, \$200; one flat, \$200; contract for towing, \$3,000; cash in bank, \$200; total, \$10,500.

Sherwood Is Elected.

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—General Isaac Sherwood, Democrat was declared elected to congress from the Toledo district by the supreme court. His election was contested by the Republican nominee who held that an error in the repeating law, prohibiting fusion nominations, invalidated Sherwood's election.

Dog Is Found.

This afternoon Mr. D. M. Street was notified that his dog, which was stolen, had been caught at Sixteenth and Monroe streets. The dog was loose and still had the strap around its neck.

WEATHER—Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Wednesday. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 57 and the lowest today was 38.

PRINCETON FEELS EFFECT ALREADY

Loans Are Being Called in by Local Banks.

Tobacco Companies Kept Them in
Funds and Burning of Warehouses
Affects Them.

FARMERS SUFFER THE MOST.

Farmers of the dark tobacco district around Princeton are reaping the whirlwind sowed by the mob which destroyed the warehouses at that place, and financial ruin stares them in the face as the direct result of this act of vandalism. The effect is coming through the banks of Princeton, which have been the most prosperous in western Kentucky, and the consequences bode ill for the future of that city.

It is stated on good authority that within the last week the banks have called in more than \$100,000 in loans which affect probably more than 100 farmers, just at a season when they need ready cash. Many of them probably by reason of this pinching of the purse strings will have some profitable venture nipped in the bud. Others may lose all their securities in the way of real estate mortgages, and there seems to be no help for them.

The Gallagher and Imperial tobacco companies whose warehouses were burned, did \$1,000,000 worth of business there a year. They are buying 300 hogsheds of tobacco a day and shipping it out as fast as it comes in. They are withdrawing their accounts.

Tobacco movements require ready cash to meet the deliveries, and the withdrawal of the companies' funds compel the banks to fall back on their debtors and they are pressing the loans to payment to meet their own obligations.

Farmers around Marion, Hopkinsville and other places are hauling their tobacco through two or three counties to dispose of it. Nobody will loan money on tobacco in warehouses or barns, because both are liable to incendiary fires.

The farmers are wrought in a condition of distress and Princeton, which was just enjoying an incipient boom, with real estate active, plans for a new railroad station nearing fulfillment, building going on and money plenty, has received a backset, which is already being felt and from which it may not recover for years.

Some few of the far-seeing ones among the farmers are talking about raising some crop other than tobacco and the prospects are that next year will see a considerable decrease in the acreage in this section.

TO BOTTLE UP YANKEES.

Plan of Foreigners in Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec. 11.—Thirteen teams are going around the saucer track today in a mad endeavor to gain the lead in the six days' bicycle race. All teams with the exception of Walham and Bedell are running wheel to wheel. The American riders hear the foreign contestants have formed a combination to beat them. Whenever possible the American riders are to be bottled up.

SWITCHMEN INCREASED.

Paducah Men Will Get 4 Cents More
the Hour.

Mr. George Finnigan who has just returned from Chicago, reports a raise to the I. C. switchmen in Paducah and other cities on the Louisville division of the road amounting to 4 cents an hour to Paducah yardmen, 42 cents to Princeton yardmen per day, and increase to five Central City switchmen to \$27 per month. The night yardmaster at Central City was raised from \$75 to \$99 per month.

HARRIMAN PLANS BIG OUTLAY.

Will Spend \$10,000,000 on Subways
and Buildings.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—E. H. Harriman has determined, it is stated, to set aside the sum of \$10,000,000 for the improvement of the Los Angeles Pacific railway system. It is stated that it is the intention of the Harriman agents to arrange for the construction of a series of subways to parallel Fourth street and that a ten-story building will be erected as a terminal station.